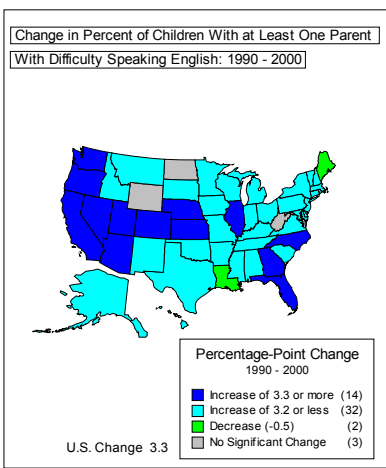
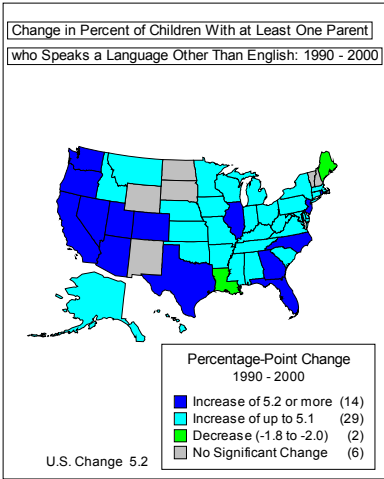
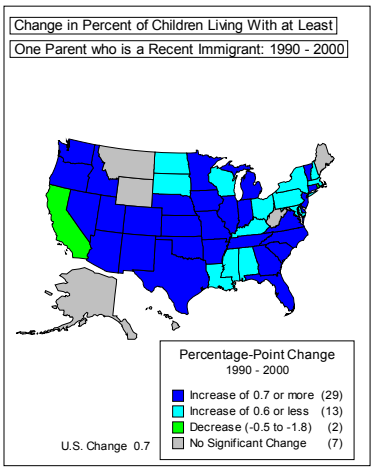
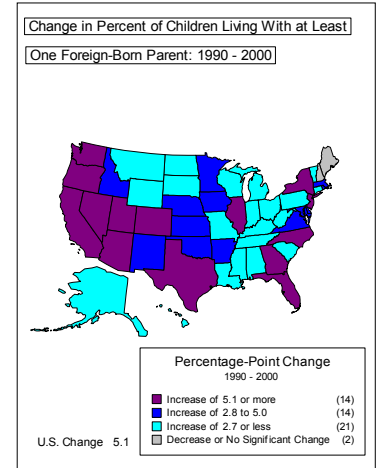


Characteristics of Children's Parents 2: Parental Nativity and Language: 1990 - 2000



- Children living with at least one foreign-born parent in the United States increased by 5.1 percentage points over the 1990s to 18.1 percent in 2000. Nationally, the percentage of children whose parent immigrated to the U.S. in the previous five years increased to 3.0 percent by 2000.
- Among the regions, the West had the largest increase in the percentage of children living with a foreign-born parent. Maine was the only state to have a decrease. Several western states had increases ranging between 7 and 14 percentage points.
- West Virginia had less than 2 percent of its children living with at least one foreign-born parent. In contrast, 44.3 percent of children in California in 2000 had a foreign-born parent.
- Most states saw little change in the percentage of children living with at least one recently immigrant parent. While Arizona, Colorado, and Nevada experienced increases in the percentage of children with at least one recent immigrant parent over the decade, the percentage in California fell 1.8 points.
- The percentage of children living with at least one parent who speaks a language other than English at home increased from 17.8 percent in 1990 to 23.0 percent in 2000. The pattern of change among states was similar for the percentage of children with at least one parent with difficulty speaking English. The percentage rose nationally from 9.2 percent in 1990 to 12.5 percent in 2000.
- The Midwest had the smallest regional increase in parents speaking another language while the West had the smallest increase in children with a parent with difficulty speaking English. The West had the largest changes among the regions.
- Louisiana and Maine were the only two states to experience decreases in both the percentage of children with parents speaking another language at home and parents having difficulty speaking English.
- Almost half of all children in New Mexico and California lived with a parent who spoke a language other than English at home in 2000. This was true for 3.7 percent of children in West Virginia.

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